

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 306

Designating the week of October 18 through October 24, 2009, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating the week of October 18 through October 24, 2009, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”.

Whereas lead poisoning is one of the leading environmental health hazards facing children in the United States;

Whereas approximately 240,000 children in the United States under the age of 6 have harmful levels of lead in their blood;

Whereas lead poisoning may cause serious, long-term harm to children, including reduced intelligence and attention span, behavior problems, learning disabilities, and impaired growth;

Whereas children from low-income families are significantly more likely to be poisoned by lead than are children from high-income families;

Whereas children may be poisoned by lead in water, soil, housing, or consumable products;

Whereas children most often are poisoned in their homes through exposure to lead particles when lead-based paint deteriorates or is disturbed during home renovation and repainting; and

Whereas lead poisoning crosses all barriers of race, income, and geography: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the week of October 18 through  
3       October 24, 2009, as “National Childhood Lead Poi-  
4       soning Prevention Week”; and

5               (2) calls upon the people of the United States  
6       to observe National Childhood Lead Poisoning Pre-  
7       vention Week with appropriate programs and activi-  
8       ties.

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